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St. Louis will command universal attention throughout the year as the Convention City, and some of these conventions may prove hardly less important than the Fair itself. It would be almost easier to tell what subjects will not be considered than to tell what will, and all this goes to emphasize the bigness and comprehensiveness of this great Universal Exposition. The people in this country and in foreign lands are now fully awake to the importance of the event; the keenest interest has been aroused and there is the most ardent desire to learn and to know all about the Fair. In our own community this interest is manifested in the wide-spread demand for the "Forest City" series of World's Fair Art Portfolios; not only because it pictures the Exposition as it appears from day to day, but because each view in the Portfolios is accompanied by interesting, instructive and descriptive matter, written by Walter B. Stevens, Secretary of the Fair. The value of the series also appears from the fact that readers eagerly await the issue of each weekly part, and promptly send in a "Forest City" coupon and dime to secure it. Six parts now ready.

### Dead Bryan Rises Again

Bryan's obituary is being written "from Maine to California" and the famous hoodoo Nebraskan orator is being cartooned with all thinkable features of political death. It is more than likely, however, that he will rise again. He has shown already that he has at least several lives, for he has been politically killed before. Dead as he was in a practical sense in the St. Louis convention, his oratory is universally admitted to have swayed the great throng with a marvellous influence—an influence which was only made a failure by the completeness of the political plans and organization of those opposed to him. In this connection, it might be mentioned that Hill, the man who did most of the planning and managing, and who downed the orator of the Platte, was himself killed and buried in the same way not many years ago. Cleveland did it more than once and Bryan took others of Hill's various political lives during the past eight years, but Hill is again the paramount Democrat in political management.

Eight years ago Cleveland seemed to be as dead a political leader as his most ardent enemies could wish. His party was disrupted and an overwhelming majority of it denounced him as the cause of the disruption and of the defeat which followed. Yet there has been a slow change until by general sentiment, regardless of party, Cleveland must be reckoned with as one of the most influential citizens of the nation. He rose from the politically dead just as Bryan is likely to do.

Bryan is still a comparatively young man. In the opinion of a great majority of his party's leaders he is a much misguided man, but he has the courage of his convictions and he has perseverance. Already he has announced that he does not intend to give up his propaganda. His position in assuming to support Parker because the latter is the regular party nominee and stands for "enough good things" to deserve it, is a weak one in view of Bryan's opinion that the things for which Parker stands most prominently are utterly bad. But Bryan doubtless realizes that it takes a man in stronger position than he is to make a success of a bolt, and so he stays with the party and will continue to try and convert the party. He begins his support of Parker by declaring Parker to be in the hands of the Wall Street element, the great bugaboo of the Democracy, and he follows this up by charging that Parker's nomination was secured by dishonest political trickery. Doubtless the rest of the party heartily wishes he would keep quiet and allow some unity of purpose in the campaign, but Bryan has never kept quiet since he once got the attention of the country, and he probably never will as long as he can keep it.

### Hawaii Needs Primary Law

What Hawaii needs is a primary law. It is no secret that in practically all of the primary elections held in Honolulu at least, there are many votes cast which would be fraudulent votes under any legal system for primaries. In the "Fighting Seventh" the Republican primary vote on one occasion was in number close to the voting strength of the precinct, and far beyond the number of Republicans in the precinct. This is utterly fraudulent on the face of it and makes a farce of the primary system. A primary election is supposed to be for the purpose of settling, within a party, its choices for office. For a Democrat to vote in a Republican primary is simply a fraud and should be punished as such.

There are plenty of models for our legislators to work upon in framing a primary law, and the matter has been tested in the courts sufficiently to point out many of the legal snags. It would be a good idea for the Republican Party to come out in its platform in favor of such a law, and for some of the legal lights who expect to be members of the next body of lawmakers to prepare a draft of an act. A California plan makes frauds such as are so common here very difficult. Under this scheme the parties all hold their primary elections on the same day, according to law, and no man may vote at more than one primary. Suitable penalty is provided for primary fraud just as for such an offense on election day. When John Smith attends the primaries he attends to take part in the councils of the Republican, or Democratic, or some other party, and not in several. He casts his primary vote once, after deciding to which party he belongs. In Hawaii, with primaries held on different days and no law whatever to cover the matter, we have hordes of political grafters and hangers-on, voting in both sets of primaries, as they are manipulated by those who need the votes. The Republican organization has over and over again been invaded in this way. A proper primary law would prevent it and would at the same time impress the electorate with more respect for party lines and principles.

The difficulty experienced here in preventing outsiders from joining in a party primary, is by no means peculiar to Hawaii. In many a Mainland community the ward bosses use anyone they can get in a primary, regardless of party, to carry their side to victory in an internal party fight. The local trouble in this respect is not unlike that which the States generally have been battling with, but in the general, open and notorious violations of all party lines and all considerations of fealty to an organization or its principles, not a community in the wide boundaries of the Union can match this mid-ocean metropolis. The record of Col. C. P. Lauka, for one example, challenges comparison on the Mainland. The colonel has been a Republican, a Home Ruler and a Democrat, all in a year. While firmly adhering to the principles of McKinley and Roosevelt, believing in the gold standard and protection, as well as in other economic doctrines of Republicanism, he was driven to change his views by unkind criticism and became a believer in the unfathomable doctrines originated by the late R. W. Wilcox and since preserved by Senator Kalanikaʻola, D. M. Kupihea and others. In a few months his expanding mind outgrew this, and he was found shouting for Hearst and the free silver wing of the Democracy. Today, behold Lauka a gold-standard Parker Democrat. It is all very beautiful. The life of Gladstone, with his many changes in political doctrines, is cited sometimes to show that the really great mind is prone to change as it becomes older and learns more. Lauka is only one of the local Gladstones. Sixteen to one Wise has rounded the political horizon and landed a Republican, traveling in the opposite direction from Lauka and meeting him for a brief period in the Home Rule half-way house. James H. Boyd went to the half-way house and got dis-

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couraged, turning back to the Republican fold—at least after a brief reign as a leader of the Home Rulers he has suddenly reappeared at a Republican primary, a maker of motions and a nominator of candidates.

A primary law, giving stability to party organizations and definiteness to party lines, would perhaps mend this state of affairs, besides preventing the frauds always practiced in the primary voting booths. The latter is the main consideration, but it is as well to cry and keep the voters from too rapid changes of views. Between the time when primary votes are cast and the time for electing candidates, there is space for changes of views as a result of campaign arguments. But there is no reason why a man should be a member of all parties at once.

The cheers which rang through the Democratic convention hall at St. Louis when the name of Grover Cleveland was mentioned appear to have impressed everybody. They even impressed the representative of the Hearst newspapers. This is how they impressed him: "Mr. Williams let slip the name of Governor Cleveland. Some people thought he had taken a soak at the party fisherman of Buzzard's Bay, and these started to shout their approval. Tammany had arranged to whoop things up whenever Cleveland's name was mentioned, and not knowing whether the speaker's words were a knock or a boost, the signal was given for the shout. The people who had heard never a word and who knew nothing of what was going on, embraced the opportunity to relieve the tedium and stretch their lungs and legs. So they stood and yelled."

Truly the ways of Hearst journalism are wonderful!

The news of serious fighting at Mukden, it has been pointed out, betrays a grave danger for the forces under General Kuropatkin. Mukden is far north of where the general's army is facing the Japanese, and the presence of a Japanese force so far above him, in force sufficient to cause two days' fighting as reported, can mean nothing else than that the Russian general's retreat is in danger of being shut off. His movement southwards, as if to attempt the relief of Port Arthur, has more than once been commented on as a strategic error, for it immediately endangered his line of communications. The Japanese are apparently doing exactly what might have been expected. They have attacked at the far northern

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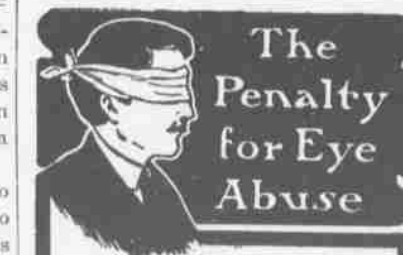
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end and, the cable says, have pierced the Russian lines. This movement, if further successful, means a Japanese force between Kuropatkin and Mukden, his base of supplies. The conditions are thus ripe, in the language of the experts, for another Sedan. Kuropatkin if defeated, has nowhere to retreat to if the Japanese operations in the neighborhood of Mukden are successful. In this position it is conceivable that he may be defeated, surrounded and forced to surrender his army in a block. Probably only pressure from home, demanding that he do something for Port Arthur, ever forced him into a position so fraught with disastrous possibilities, for it is elementary with the military strategist that the line of communications and of retreat should be protected.

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